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SUBJECT: ROK FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES

SUMMARY:

ROK INTENDS TO ACCELERATE DATE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES TO JUNE 23. FULL CONSULTATION WITH OTHER PRINCIPAL ALLIES WOULD BEGIN ABOUT JUNE 16 WITH HOPE THAT U. S.- ROK UNDERSTANDING REACHED BY THEM. PREEMPTIVE RESOLUTION FOR ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO UN BEING CONSIDERED. IF DISSOLUTION OF UNC MATERIALIZES ROKG DESIRES RESTATEMENT OF U. S. READINESS MAINTAIN FORCES IN KOREA. END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM YONG SHIK TOLD ME HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT PARK THE DESIRABILITY OF ACCELERATING SCHEDULE FOR ANNOUNCING ROK FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES. THEY THOUGHT IT BEST TO MOVE SOONER BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY NORTH KOREANS TAKING AWAY INITIATIVE. THEREFORE THEY WERE NOW OF THE OPINION THAT PRESIDENT PARK'S STATEMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON JUNE 23. THIS WAS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH US AND OUR REACHING UNDERSTANDING. PRESIDENT PARK WOULD THEN MODIFY HIS NORMAL JUNE 25 STATEMENT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF
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NORTH KOREAN INVASION TO MAKE IT A SIMPLE OBSERVANCE OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN THE PAST RATHER THAN AN OCCASION FOR STRONG CRITICISM OF THE NORTH.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS HOPEFUL THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH U. S. COULD BE COMPLETED SOON SO THAT WE COULD DECIDE ON APPROPRIATE TIMING IN TERMS OF CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ALLIES. I REPLIED THAT I WAS STILL WAITING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON DETAILS BUT BELIEVED IT WAS WISE TO PLAN FOR AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT. I SUGGESTED HE COULD BEGIN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH SELECTED ALLIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE REPLIED THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH US BEFORE TALKING WITH THE OTHERS. AS SOON AS SUCH UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN REACHED WITH US THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO GO INTO FORMAL DISCUSSION WITH KEY ALLIES. HE SAID THEY WERE THINKING OF TALKING TO U. S., AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN, WEST GERMANY AND CANADA, AND HOPEFULLY WOULD GET TO THEM ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE PRESIDENT PARK'S ANNOUNCEMENT. OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE NOTIFIED A DAY OR SO BEFORE HAND. HE SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DID NOT WANT TO HAVE EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH THE FRENCH AND WERE RELUCTANT TO TALK TO OTHERS SUCH AS THE BELGIANS FOR FEAR THEY WOULD SPEAK TO THE FRENCH. I SAID I WOULD ASK WASHINGTON AND USUN FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES USEFUL TO CONSULT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING QUESTION I HAD POSED EARLIER ABOUT POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN REACTION TO OFFER SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION TO UN. HE AGREED THAT IF NORTH KOREANS ACCEPTED SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION THEN QUESTION OF UN COMMAND WAS RESOLVED IN THE SENSE THAT IT COULD NOT BE RETAINED. BUT IF NORTH KOREA DOES NOT ACCEPT DUAL MEMBERSHIP THEN IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO RETAIN THE UN COMMAND WITH THE APPROVAL, OR AT LEAST WITHOUT THE DISAPPROVAL, OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I SAID WE HAD THE QUESTION OF THE UN COMMAND UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON AND I DID NOT HAVE ANY PARTICULAR SUGGESTIONS AT THIS TIME, BUT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE CONSIDERED. COMING BACK TO THE QUESTION OF ADMISSION

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OF THE TWO KOREAS TO THE UN, HE SAID ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE TO ACTUALLY INCLUDE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A CALL FOR THE ADMITTANCE OF BOTH KOREAS SO THAT IF THE NORTH KOREANS REFUSED THE ONUS WOULD BE ON THEM. I SAID THIS WAS WELL WORTH CONSIDERING AND I WOULD PASS IT TO WASHINGTON.

4. FINALLY HE SAID THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT THE PRESENCE OF U. S. FORCES WAS DEPENDENT UPON THE CONTINUATION OF THE UN COMMAND. I REPLIED THAT THE PRESENCE OF U. S. FORCES WAS DERIVED FROM THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY AND DID NOT DEPEND ON CONTINUATION OF THE UN COMMAND. HE SAID IF THERE WAS TO BE A DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND THERE SHOULD BE AT THAT TIME A JOINT U. S.- ROK STATEMENT THAT U. S. FORCES WOULD REMAIN IN KOREA. HE POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD, AT VARIOUS TIMES, MADE STATEMENTS AS TO THE PRESENCE OF U. S. FORCES BUT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE SUCH A STATEMENT IF THE UN COMMAND WERE TO BE DISSOLVED. I REPLIED THAT THE QUESTION OF U. S. FORCES HAD BEEN RAISED IN HIS EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH ME AND WASHINGTON WAS CONSIDERING THIS ELEMENT ALONG WITH ALL OTHER FACTORS IN ITS ONGOING REVIEW.

5. COMMENT: NEW ROKG TIMETABEL UNDERLINES IMPORTANCE OF MY RECEIVING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE WITHOUT ANY DELAY. THERE IS NO REAL ADVANTAGE AT THIS TIME IN DISCUSSION THESE MATTERS WITH KOREAN OFFICIALS ANYWHERE ELSE EXCEPT HERE WHERE THE DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPEATED AGAIN THAT KOREAN OFFICIALS ABROAD ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO KNOW PRESIDENT PARK'S THINKING. ONLY THE PRESIDENT CAN MAKE THE DECISION ON THESE MATTERS AND ANY VIEWS WE MAY HAVE NEED TO BE SUBMITTED HERE FOR ULTIMATE CONSIDERATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

6. I AM NO LONGER CONCERNED THAT ROKG WILL NOT CONSULT ADEQUATELY WITH ALLIES IN VIEW OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S ACCEPTANCE OF OUR EARLIER ADVICE. STATE 111607 ARRIVED AFTER MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. I BELIEVE I HAVE
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ALREADY CONVINCED HIM OF IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DISCUSSION WITH KEY ALLIES. DEPAR
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